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REMARKS

Claims 2 - 9, 11 - 18 and 30 - 41 are pending. Claims 2 - 9, 11 - 18 and 30 - 41 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. In making this cancellation without prejudice, Applicants reserve all rights in these claims to file divisional and/or continuation patent applications. Claims 42 - 44 are new. Claims 1, 10, 19 - 29 were previously cancelled. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration is requested.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claims 30 was objected for the unclear use of "said". Claim 30 has been cancelled and this rejection is now moot.

Claim 32 was objected to for the use of IC rather than ICs. Claim 32 has been cancelled and this rejection is now moot.

Claim 34 - 35 were objected to for use of the words "parameterized calls". Claims 34 - 35 have been cancelled and this rejection is now moot.

Claim 36 was objected to for use of the words "parameterized design topologies". Claim 36 has been cancelled and this rejection is now moot.

Saito et al

Claims 2 - 9, 11 - 18 36 - 37, 38 - 39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Saito et al. (US patent application 2002/0095648). Claims 2 - 9, 11 - 18 36 - 37, 38 - 39 have been cancelled and this rejection is now moot.

Chao et al.

Claims 2 - 7, 9, 15 - 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Chao et al. (US patent 5,031,111). Claims 2 - 7, 9, 15 - 18 have been cancelled and this rejection is now moot.

Pileggi et al.

Claim 6 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Pileggi et al. (US patent 6,286, 128). Claim 6 has been cancelled and this rejection is now moot.

Boyle et al.

Claims 6, 15 and 17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Boyle et al. (US patent 6,557,145).). Claims 6, 15 and 17 have been cancelled and this rejection is now moot.

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Claims 2 - 13, 15 - 18, 36 - 37 and 38 - 40 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Dansky et al. (US patent application 6,342,823). Claims 2 - 13, 15 - 18, 36 - 37 and 38 - 40 and 30 have been cancelled and this rejection is now moot.

In order to further prosecution new claims are currently submitted which more clearly define what the applicants consider to be the present invention.

Applicants believe that the above amendments and remarks are fully responsive to all the objections and grounds of rejections by the Examiner. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully submit that all the pending claims are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

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